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EDITORIAL

What a lot of letters this month and what variety of subject. The Women's Institute makes a plea for bus fare concessions for our senior citizens. A complaint against insensitive lorry drivers and daffodil thieves is matched by worries about traffic in Hudson Street. A former resident contributes an historical note to the debate on the War Memorial. The Chairman of the Parish Council reminds us all that unless dogs are handled responsibly, their natural functions become a public nuisance and health hazard. All these issues are of local concern. It is right that they should be given space in 'The News'.

DIARY

APR 16 Church Clock Appeal 50/50 Auction. Manor Farm. 12 noon. Viewing 10 am.
16 Playgroup Open Afternoon at New Hut, Hempton Road. Stalls etc. 3 pm.
16-24 Litter Blitz Week
18 Guides youth road safety quiz. Meet HQ 7 pm.
19 Guides normal meeting
19 HSA meeting to discuss future of Swimming Pool. Primary School. 8 pm.
23 British Legion. Night Shift.
23 & 24 National Gardens Scheme. 'Stonewalls', Hempton Rd. Open 2-6 pm.
24 St George's Day Parade, Banbury. Coach leaves Market Sq 1.30 pm.
24 Banbury Sports Council Event. Castle Precinct. For Olympic funds.
25 Guides junior road safety quiz. Meet 6.30 pm HQ.
26 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE (MAY ISSUE)
27 Parish Council Meeting. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
28 WI Group Meeting. Primary School.
28 Guardian Cup Final, Deddington Town v Broughton & N Newington Res. Norton View Sports Ground, Easington. 6.30 pm. (Coach leaves 5.30 pm)
29 Cabaret Evening, Deddington Fire Service. Windmill Centre. 8pm.
29 Architectural Group. Tour of 'Castle End'. 8 pm.
30 British Legion. This is it.
MAY 7 Bowls Club Market Stall. Town Hall. 10 am.
7 Scouts/Guides. Annual Car Wash. Bullring. 9 am - 1 pm. £1 per car
7 British Legion. One for the Road.
7 DEDDINGTON NEWS PUBLICATION DAY (MAY ISSUE)
19 Flower Arrangements. Mrs P Everett. Parish Church. 2 pm. £2 incl. tea.
21 British Legion. Legend.
22 'Saints Alive', Musical by Church Choir. Wesleyan Chapel. Evening.
25 Parish Council Meeting. Town Hall. 7.15 pm.
31 DEDDINGTON NEWS COPY DATE (JUNE ISSUE)
JUNE 4 Annual Choirs Festival. St Mary's Church, Abingdon.
4 British Legion. Mixed Blessings.
4 Otmoor Challenge Half Marathon run and sponsored walk.
10 Christian Viewpoint. Mrs Hannah. HTC 12.30 pm. (Change of date)
11 DEDDINGTON NEWS PUBLICATION DAY (JUNE ISSUE)
11 Bowls Club Market Stall. Town Hall. 10 am.
11 Primary School/HSA Car Boot Sale. Primary School. am.
12 Banbury Sports Council. Car Treasure Hunt.
25 Midsummer Fayre in aid of Church Clock Appeal.
JULY first week - 'Cherwell in Bloom' judging.
2 Mothers Union. Buckingham Pageant.
9 Deddington Primary School Annual Fete.

D E D D I N G T O N P A R I S H C O U N C I L

NOTE OF MEETING ON 23 MARCH 1988

A423 Reducing 210 metres of Deddington Hill from 3-lane to 2-lane will not solve safety problems. Nor will strengthening and resurfacing Dane Hill, planned for April and May. Parish Clerk to ask Parish Clerks of Aston and Adderbury to join with Deddington in exerting combined pressure for major safety improvements.

Bus services Women's Institute petition on fare concessions for senior citizens to be considered at next PC meeting. The Thursday shoppers' service will receive a further 18 months' subsidy.

Red Telephone Boxes Deddington's Market Place box is already listed. PC has not been asked to seek listing for Hempton and Clifton boxes.

Boundary Changes Oxon/Northants border change at Clifton will proceed.

Parish Rate 1988/89 Parish Rate in the £ will be higher than the District Rate.

Grass Cutting Attempts still being made to secure satisfactory contract for Cemetery and Castle Grounds.

Grass Verges Damage being caused by carelessly driven lorries. PC to explore options such as embedding concrete 'grow through' blocks in vulnerable areas as was done (successfully) in the Market Place.

Clean-Up Week PC encouraged suggestion of portable Barbecue in Castle Grounds as social amenity.

Holcomb Hotel Licence PC no objection to transfer from present licensee.

Chipping Norton Theatre Workshop Application to PC for support this year to be assessed in light of HSA opinion of last year's effort.

War Memorial Majority of comments to PC support proposed move from Cemetery to Market Place. Reservations about vandalism, litter, etc. Major problem is cost. PC to consider options: (i) seek finance from British Legion (ii) use some of Windmill Centre Phase II receipts (iii) leave Memorial in situ and install plinth or plaque in Market Place. Review at next PC meeting.

Castle Grounds PC informed of public objections to Car Park proposal and apprehensions about improvement scheme generally. In addition to considering these, PC to consult English Heritage and also establish beyond doubt who owns access road. No further action on Car Park until outstanding matters resolved. Some other work is proceeding.

Windmill Centre (i) lease effective from 25.12.87. First quarter rent now due to PC as landlord. Holding Committee standing in until AGM (ii) Phase II - PC Chairman to sort out inherited problems over incorrect sale of land (iii) Playing Fields Adviser resigned and Mr Barnes, CDC, agreed to take over.

Planning Old Stores, Clifton: DC permission granted for extensive changes, despite PC objection. The Orchard, Clifton: swimming pool - PC no objection (Cllr Allen declared interest). St Anne's Cottage, Clifton: two storey extension - PC no objection but noted that Clifton's sewage system is poor. Duke of Cumberland's Head, Clifton: new porch and bedrooms/bathroom in existing roofspace - PC no objection. Land at Hempton: refusal of planning permission confirmed after public enquiry. Maunds Farmhouse, Deddington: access from High Street to development site must be closed within 2 months. Acorn Stores, Deddington: amended plans do not now include access through adjacent No. 4 Market Place - PC withdrew objection. Bullring, Deddington: change dwelling to office (retrospective) - PC no objection. Health Centre, Deddington: PC welcomes idea of extending facilities, but additional parking for patients and staff should use up space at present proposed for new dwelling.

Closed session The Chairman explained that PC only went into closed session when confidential legal matters were on the agenda.

THE PARISH COUNCIL THEN WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION.

L E T T E R S

From G E Fenemore, Chairman Deddington Parish Council, to the Editors 23.3.88

On several visits to the open recreation areas in Deddington in the past few weeks I was put in mind of a local rhyme "Aynho on the hill, Clifton in the clay, Dirty Drunken Deddington on the Hempton highway". I would like to change Drunken to Dangerous.

Dirty because every where you walk there are dog faeces - on the Windmill Sports Ground, The Castle Grounds, the Churchyard, on the grassed areas of the Market Place and on the pavement and verges all over the village.

Dangerous because it is a wellknown fact that dog parasites can cause serious health problems to humans, especially to young children, ranging from upset stomachs and intestinal infections to blindness and brain damage from the dog tape worm.

Some of you may have heard that the Parish Council is planning to adopt byelaws against dog fouling. I am beginning to think it might be safer to adopt a byelaw banning children from the open play areas. So come on you dog owners, have a thought for the children in our village and for their mothers who have to clean their clothes and shoes, and do your duty by cleaning up after your pets.

From Mrs Diana Hailey, Hudson Street, Deddington, to the Editors 18.3.88

I read the letter by Mr Nicholas McGeachin in your March issue about the proposed yellow lines in Hudson Street, and wholeheartedly agreed with its author on every point he made, especially the re-routing of buses.

I live in Hudson Street and have seen the traffic problems of this narrow road at first hand over a number of years. It is not uncommon for large vehicles, not only buses, to have to mount the pavement on the South side in order to clear a badly parked car or another large vehicle on the opposite side of the road. I may add that this manoeuvre is not always performed at a sensibly cautious speed. Hudson Street is so narrow (barely two cars width) that surely it would make sense to stop all large vehicles using it.

As to the parking, which is another chronic problem, I wrote to the Highways Department of OCC some time ago about the yellow line proposal, of which I am wary, (once yellow lines are down are they ever removed ?) and suggested a Residents' Parking Permit Zone which would surely reduce the problem, but received no satisfactory answer as to why yellow lines were considered more effective. (It was a question of policing them, I was told. How is that any different from policing yellow lines?) It really is impossible to park outside one's house on frequent days, which is a nuisance if one has heavy goods to unload.

I am not optimistic that commonsense has much to do with official decision - making (as is evident from the "road-markings" controversy on the main road either side of the village) and I expect that the insidious creeping of yellow lines along Hudson Street is inevitable.

From Mrs Freda Ivings (WI President) and Mrs Irene Mahony (WI Secretary) to the Editors 15.3.88

BUS CONCESSIONS FOR THE ELDERLY W.I. PETITION

As expected, a reply from the Clerk to the Parish Council, regarding the WI petition for bus concessions for the elderly, has brought forth their 'interest' in the result of our petition, as they say their last survey (when was this ?) showed no one desired to partake in such a scheme; they have no money available for the next year; and it would mean about one penny going on the Parish rate. (How they work out the latter, with no specific figures to go on, we do not know, unless they have already calculated how many elderly people living in the area could be interested.)

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According to Mr Blakey, CDC Treasurer, his office writes to every Parish Council every year, asking if they wish to participate in the bus token scheme, and each year Deddington PC reply 'NO'. At their PC meeting on 19 December 1984 they stated that as no one had asked for tokens, they assumed there was no need for them, but if there was a need, the PC would certainly consider the matter.

On 23 January 1985, PC stated a letter had been received from Mrs Caporn asking for concessions and the PC 'thought' Deddington News might take this matter up. (D.N. did not). (BEFORE OUR TIME - Eds). As the Parish bears the whole cost of such concessions and financial arrangements had been made for that year, they thought they might take up the matter again if sufficient demand were made. On 27 February 1985 the Clerk stated two petitions, each of 30 names, had been received asking for bus concessions and that this would be considered in next year's finances. No further mention of bus tokens is made until August 1985 when PC agreed Mrs Robinson would attend a meeting at Kidlington, as an observer, but there was little support for the scheme locally. (This despite admitting that 60 names had been received.) At the 25 September meeting it was recorded 'no change in policy'.

No mention of bus tokens at any PC meeting until 13 January 1988 when the PC stated they had not allowed for these in their estimates. This because it is PC policy that CDC should be responsible. (WHY?) This matter was doubtless brought up because they had heard of the letter to go in Deddington News (February 1988 issue). At the PC meeting on 17 February the Clerk said he had received a letter from Deddington WI stating there was public interest in concessions for OAPs and would await developments. According to the Petition which we collected from the Post Office (and which was sent to PC for their March meeting) some 180 people support the view that senior citizens should receive some concession. Some people 'passing through Deddington' signed the petition. WI are not asking for FREE transport, but something towards the cost of a journey into Banbury (at present £1 each way single fare and £1.70 return).

In Banbury Guardian dated 3 March 1988 there was an advertisement stating that citizens of Banbury eligible for tokens should make application to CDC offices, where they may purchase £15 worth of tokens for £3.50. In Banbury Guardian of 10 March, South Northants state they will supply £8 worth of tokens to eligible people. Bloxham, Bodicote and Adderbury also allow concessions, so why not Deddington ? According to the Parish rates published in Banbury Guardian on 3 March last, Deddington pay higher than any of these villages, so what do Deddington get for the extra money ? Only Kidlington, Bicester, Kirtlington and Steeple Aston have a higher rate than Deddington, out of 78 villages mentioned.

We await with interest a reply from Deddington Parish Council as to how the money is spent, and why they cannot afford to help their senior citizens who must surely, in the main, be paying such rates They cannot 'pass the buck' again to CDC or Deddington News.

The WI wish to thank Mr Smith and staff at Post Office for their help in collecting signatures.

FREDA IVINGS President 38513 IRENE MAHONY Secretary 38438

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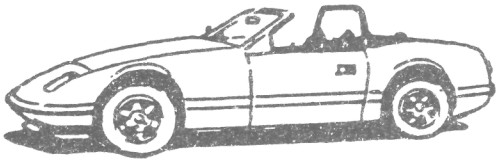

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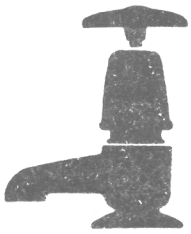

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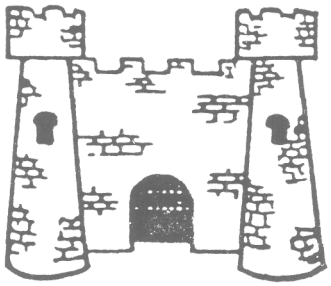

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L E T T E R S continued

From Mrs Lily D Hill, West Harrow, Middlesex, 29.2.88
To The Editors

I was particularly interested to read in the February issue of 'The Deddington News' of the proposal to move the War Memorial from the cemetery and re-locate it in the Market Place. Very few (if any!) Deddingtonians still around will remember actually seeing the Memorial in the making, as I did. It was made by two local craftsmen, namely, Mr Smithins of Castle Street and Mr Crambie who lived somewhere in the area we referred to as the 'Top of the Town'. That was roughly The Bullring, Horsefair and top end of High Street.

Because of the large area of working space needed for such a task, my Father allowed the two said gentlemen the use of the Barn in our farmyard (now the site of Solar Designs). Thankfully our family name is not on the Memorial as my Father was past the age of call-up and my brothers were all too young. Strangely, I heard only recently of a village in Northants where the Memorial had to be removed from the main street, where it caused traffic congestion, to a more remote area. Fortunately, Deddington has a nice large Market Place so I doubt there will be any real problem.

From E J Cresswell, 6.4.88
To The Editors

The Deddington News' March Diary reminded us of the Best Kept Village Competition, Cherwell in Bloom and Litter Blitz Week: all admirable causes that demand little more than a cooperative attitude and modest effort. And all in keeping with national campaigns to improve the quality of life.

Last Autumn I planted bulbs in one of the verges in Hopcraft Lane. This morning I noticed that many of the flower stems had been cut and removed even before they had come into bloom. Surely a more uplifting event than this inspired Herrick's immortal lines:

"Fair daffodils we weep to see
Thee haste away so soon ..."

Yesterday I was in the process of repairing the vehicle damage to one of our smaller village Greens when a lorry which had just made a delivery sped round the bend and ran over the turf I had just laid. The main Greens in The Market Place are being similarly despoiled.

While we can no longer rely upon simple honesty towards a few daffodils; while our village businesses take no action to prevent their own or their suppliers' vehicles from cutting up our Village Greens; and while few people seem prepared to challenge litter louts, the many well-intentioned environmental initiatives may only lend force to Oscar Wilde's definition that

"Optimism is the triumph of hope over experience!"

WI RECIPE

Stuffed Peppers

You need four red or green peppers. Cut them in half lengthways and de-seed them. Lay them in a fireproof dish.

For the stuffing you need 1 lb minced beef, 1 onion chopped finely, 1 egg, 4 oz breadcrumbs, a little tomato purée, salt and pepper

All this is mixed together. Fill the pepper halves with it. Top with a little grated cheese and bake at 350° degrees, gas mark 4. Serve with rice.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

TWO MAJOR EVENTS IN DEDDINGTON

Dateline Saturday 16 April

Early readers of this edition may like to be reminded of the GRAND 50/50 AUCTION at Manor Farm, Hempton Road (by kind permission of Mr and Mrs J J Holdon), commencing at 12 noon. Hundreds of items will come under the hammer, with at least 50% of the proceeds going to the Church Clock Fund.

Our parish church clock, set in its massive tower which dominates our skyline, was donated to the Village by the heirs of Wm Hudson (Hudson Street commemorates him) after his death in 1832. Since then, generations of volunteers have toiled to the top of the tower to wind it. Just think of it: over 40 steep steps three times per week, then contorting one's body to manipulate the heavy weights by which the clock is wound. For over 150 years! Not just Colonel Glenn's "giant step for mankind" but over one million steps by those unsung heroes, the bellringers and clockwinders, whose efforts would surely have carried them to the moon by now.

So it's no wonder that with the modern technology now available, an automatic clock-winding mechanism is to be installed and the Auction is one of several events to raise the money.

Over the past few weeks we have been invited to scour our attics and outhouses for articles to go into the auction, with 50% or the whole of the sale price going into the fund, according to the contributors' wishes. Past experience suggests that a veritable treasure trove of antiques and bygones will come to light, literally, and we can be sure of enjoying the exhilerating atmosphere of the Auction with the prospect of a real bargain - perhaps a Persian rug or an antique jug will be your 'prize'; a mask from Mali or a Salvador Dali; more modestly, a teddy bear or a kitchen chair.

We hope the sellers and the buyers alike will come away happy.

THE MIDSUMMER FAYRE

Our second 'must' for your diary is Saturday 25 June, the day of our Midsummer Fayre in the Market Place, the final event in the fund-raising for the church clock. Two years ago the Fayre was the culmination of several events to raise £15,000 for the Church Bells Restoration Fund and everyone will remember what a splendid day it was in all respects.

This year a Committee headed by Monty Spencer and Bob Stevens is determined to make the event an equal success. There promises to be something to appeal to everybody, with our Deddington Clubs and Societies setting up their stalls for the sale of anything from books to bric-a-brac, from garden produce to gift ideas. But there will be much more besides to entertain and interest young and old alike.

Having whetted your appetite we'll tell you more next month. Meanwhile, hunt out those antedeluvian dresses, hats, and suits in drawers or wardrobes and get ready to wear them at the Fayre to create an atmosphere of the past. It doesn't matter whether you come as a Regency Belle or a Deddington Dandy; a Twenties Flapper or Victorian Vagabond. The more incongruous the costumes, the more colourful the occasion.

Oh, Yes! If any one not already committed to their Clubs' or Societies' activities would like to offer to help on the day or with the arrangements, please contact Bob Stevens on 38305.

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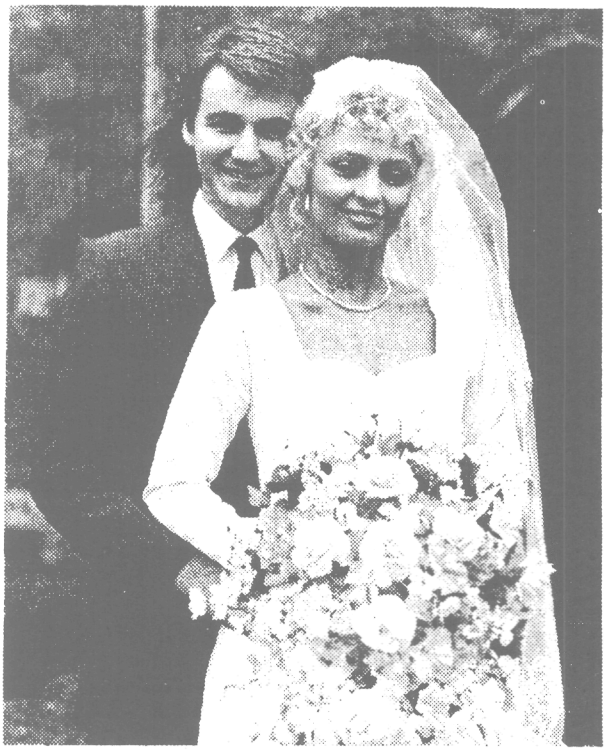

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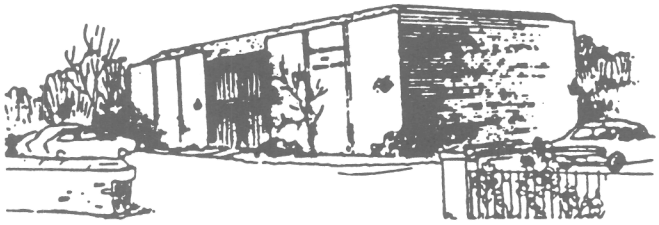

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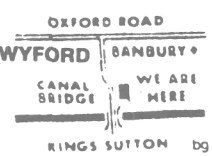

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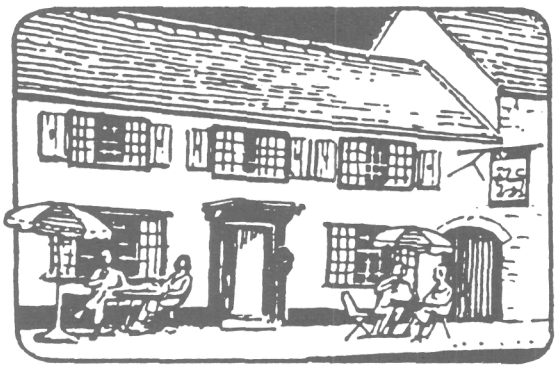

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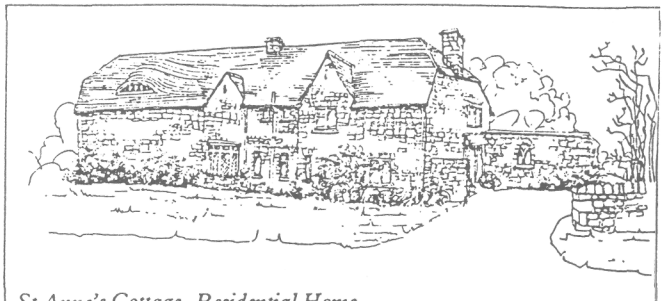

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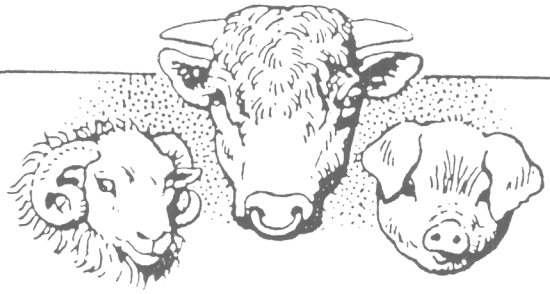

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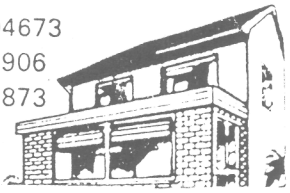

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Staff Changes

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Mrs Carolyn Elliott at the end of last term. Mrs Elliott has left us to take up a full-time post at Bloxham Primary School; at least she will still be in the neighbourhood, so I am sure we will be seeing her again in the near future. In her place we are very happy to welcome Mrs Lesley Labuda, who lives in Duns Tew, and has recently worked with all the classes in the school as a supply teacher.
I would like to take this opportunity to thank Carolyn Elliott for all the support she has given to the school over the last two and a half years, and to wish her well for the future.

Sport

Our football and netball teams have gone from strength to strength this last term. In the inter-schools netball knockout competition at the Warriner School on 7 March, our team drew in the finals, having won every heat up until the finals. In the ordinary matches we played against North Newington and won both the football and netball games, and the netball team also beat Steeple Aston (10-4); the football team lost to Steeple Aston but it was very close... 2-1 ! We have one more match in the series - against Hook Norton. A large number of 3rd and 4th year Juniors took part in the Primary Schools Cross Country Competition at the Warriner School on 22 March. The field was a quagmire - I'm sure quite a lot of the mud went home on the competitors' shoes! We didn't do as well, overall, this year, as we did last year, but I would like to mention Alexandra Walsh who came in 9th out of more than 90 in the girls' competition. Well done, Alex; and well done everyone who took part, as it was a real ordeal!

Governors Meeting for Parents

We held our second annual Governors meeting for parents on 15 March. Unfortunately very few parents were able to come, which was sad, as it was a very worthwhile gathering; one of the governors, John Cresswell, gave a talk on the new Great Education Reform Bill (known affectionately as GERBIL!)
The next Governors/Parents meeting is scheduled for October, perhaps to be run in conjunction with the Home School Association A.G.M.

End-of-Term Assemblies

On the last Wednesday and Thursday of term, we held two assemblies, one given by the Infants, and the other by the Juniors. The Infants performed the story of the 'Selfish Giant' by Oscar Wilde to a large audience of parents, and the Juniors talked about the work they had been doing during the term, and performed the cantata 'Noah and all that Jazz'.

Trip to York

By the time you read this, we will have returned from our week's stay at the Youth Hostel in York. As we wait in fevered anticipation for the "off" we're just keeping fingers crossed for good weather, comfortable accommodation and tasty food ! We have been given the loan of the **Warriner** School Minibus, and are also grateful for the loan of Bob and June Scott's trailer, to put all the luggage in.

JOHN MORGAN (Headteacher)
38430

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE CABARET EVENING On Friday 29 April we are holding a Cabaret Evening at The Windmill Centre, 8 pm to 12 midnight. Tickets £3.50 each. The show will include Stuart McDonald, a top Clubland Comedy Entertainer; Johny Moon, another top Comedian; Sara , a brilliant Vocalist, and music by The Knight Sounds. For those who came to our Cabaret Evening last year, I have no need to say what a good night it was. For those who didn't, come along this time and see what you missed last year.

ALBERT HUMPHRIES 38943

C H U R C H AND C H A P E L

PARISH CHURCH

14 April Thursday 7.30 pm. Annual Church Meeting at the school. All Church members are invited.

16 April 50/50 Auction at the Manor Farm in aid of installing automatic winding for the church clock. The clock should by now be in the hands of Smiths of Derby. It stopped of its own accord and refused to start again. We hope it will be going and striking again within three months.

24 April Pastoral Letter from the Archbishops to be read in Church.

28 April Thursday 7.30 pm. Study Group at the Vicarage.

19 May Thursday 2.00 pm. Flower arrangement. Demonstration in church by Mrs Penelope Everett, an arranger at Westminster Abbey. £2.00 includes tea.

For the record

27 February Wedding of Benney Byron Terrill and Felicity Jane French.

3 March Funeral of Percy Humphries, 5 The Paddocks. Percy Humphries had been a stalwart member of the Fire Service here for 24 years and had belonged to the R.A.O.B. and the Royal British Legion.

9 March Funeral of David James Brain, 6 The Paddocks. Jim Brain had also lived here many years and had belonged to the Royal British Legion. With the death of Leslie Harper in January, this corner of Deddington has now lost three old and respected citizens in three months. We offer our sympathy to their families.

25 March Memorial service for John Michael Ballard of Over Worton. The church was full for this and a retiring collection was taken for the three churches with which John Ballard was associated, Sandford St Martin, Over Worton and Deddington, and £813 was collected.

3 April Easter Day. Katherine, daughter of Ron and Joyce Harper was married to Stephen Petty in Bermuda.

RICHARD HANNAH 38329

Reprinted from Church Newsletter

CHURCHWARDENS lead by example. On 4 June Ted Johnson and Frankie Cox will enter the Otmoor Challenge, a half Marathon run and sponsored walk (they are walking), of 13 miles over Otmoor, starting and finishing at Horton-cum-Studley. They want us all to sponsor them for the benefit of our church funds. I daresay you can sponsor Snowy and Josh too, but in addition, not instead.

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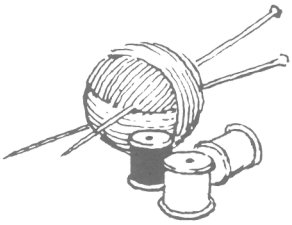

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TENNIS

Summer is coming. Who says so ? We do.... our first club night was on 6 April.

On 24 April, Banbury Sports Council, to whom most sports clubs are affiliated, is to hold an event in the Castle Precinct, Banbury. All clubs will be represented and monies raised will go towards the Olympic Funding. The Sports Council is also holding a Car Treasure Hunt on 12 June, and a Sports Quiz Evening (date to be decided).

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ANN NAGELE 0295 720150

WOMENS INSTITUTE

The March meeting was the occasion of our AGM, and the President, Mrs Ivings, gave us a report of the variety of events members had attended. We have had a good year, and members have enjoyed the meetings. We have attended Group Meetings and gone on outings, we have planted trees, provided refreshments for a Trade Fair at the Windmill Centre and for an International Evening. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Plumbe, our Treasurer, for her hard work in keeping the accounts, and to the Secretary, Mrs Mahony, for her efforts on our behalf. We also thanked Mrs Ivings for her leadership as President, and confirmed by a show of hands that we would like her to stay in that office for a further year. It was disappointing that there were no nominations for new members of the committee this year. We think it would be a good idea to have some changes and new ideas on the committee, but in the event the standing committee was willing to serve for another year and was re-elected en bloc. After the formal meeting we played a memory game and that was followed by a delightful slide show devised by Mrs Reynolds, to whom many thanks.

We would like to remind members of the Deddington Group Meeting on 28 April at the Primary School. We hope for support from all members for that occasion.

MARIANNE ELSLEY 38251

MOTHERS UNION

On Friday 25 March, Lady Day, we celebrated the Eucharist together with members from Shenington, and our Diocesan President, Barbara McGregor. We also kept our seventieth birthday on that day. After the service we had Birthday cake and coffee. Seats are now booked for the Buckingham Pageant on Saturday 2 July. I hope to have the tickets to give you soon They cost £2.50 each.

PAT HANNAH 38329

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28th	Sat	Bloxham	4.30	A	4T	21st	Tues	Banb'y Chestnuts	6.30	A	3R
						25th	Sat	Shipston Eng.	3.30	A	3R
						28th	Tues	Banbury Central	6.30	H	3R

Secretary K Bowen 38536

C A L L I N G A L L C L U B S - Part 2

HOME SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Family Barn Dance held at the beginning of March was very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all present, as well as raising over £100 towards the computer equipment. On the last night of the Spring Term, the HSA organised two short discos for the school children and these proved as popular as ever.

On Tuesday 19 April at 8 pm, the HSA is holding a very important meeting at the school to discuss the future of the school swimming pool. Several serious issues concerning the pool have been raised recently and we need to talk them over in detail before any final decisionscan be made. We will also need more help in order to open the pool through the summer months regardless of all the other problems. If you can help or would like to know more, please, please come along to the meeting. Without more support THE POOL WILL NOT OPEN THIS SUMMER.

A Car Boot Sale, organised by School/HSA, is planned for Saturday morning, 11 June. If you would like more details of this event or would like to book a "site", please contact Mrs G Howell on Deddington 38628. Don't forget the School Fete - Saturday 9 July.

CHRISTINE GOWER Secretary 38189

CHURCH CHOIR

The Easter morning service was once again enjoyed by all of us in the choir, as was the coffee morning and bring-and-buy sale which helped to raise money for choir expenses. The Easter Carol Service was a new idea that went very well. Some members of the choir of Trinity Church, Leamington Spa, joined us in singing Easter anthems and hymns.

The next event will be "Saints Alive", a popular musical by Roger Jones, to be performed at the Wesleyan Chapel on 22 May in the evening (time to be confirmed). On 4 June we will be joining many choirs from the Oxford diocese in the Annual Choirs Festival, to be held in St Mary's Church, Abingdon. More choirs than ever before are expected to take part, and the service will be recorded, to be broadcast on Radio Oxford a week or so later.

MARIANNE DAWSON, PAULA DAVIES 38183

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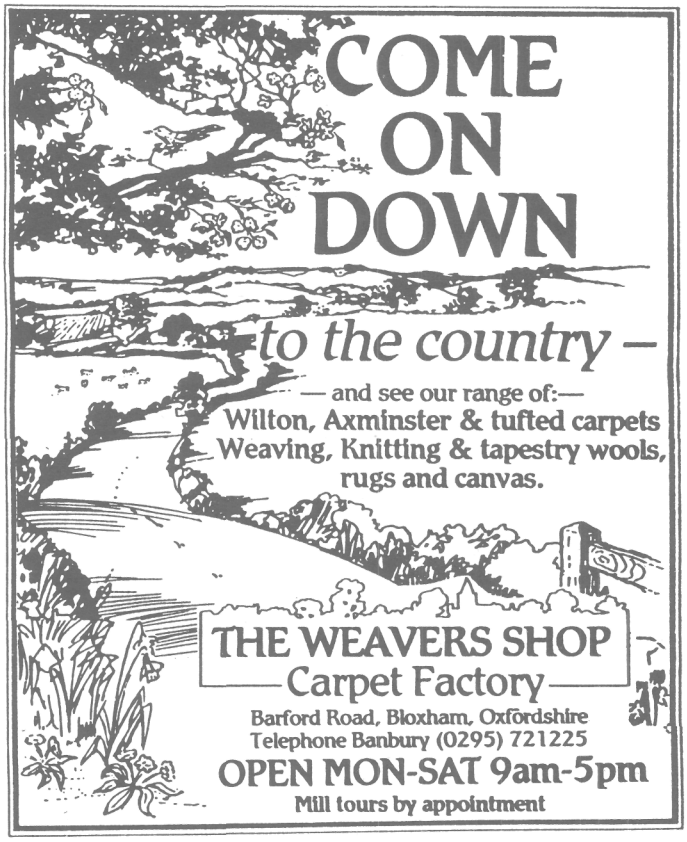

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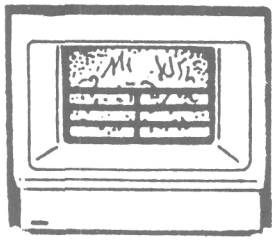

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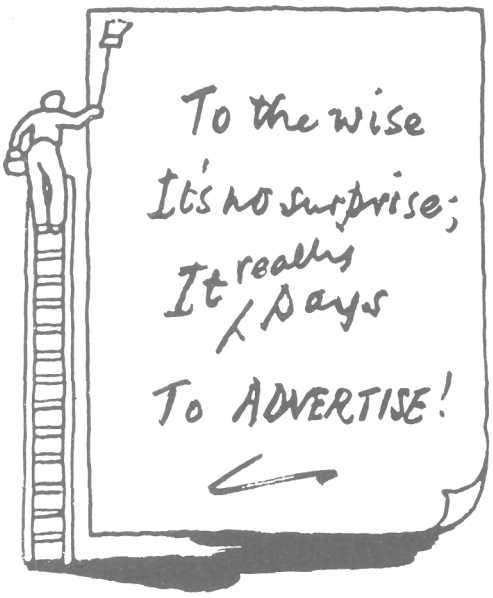

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GUIDES

Since our last report we have taken part in a wide variety of activities, including working out how to tear a piece of paper 8" x 6" so that it is big enough to get a guide through!, keeping fit and working out our own dance routines. We have had a game and a talk on the History of the Movement from a senior guide and dabbled in assorted crafts and succeeded at numerous badge tests.

It has been quite an energetic half term with two hikes organised - the first of six miles from Adderbury to Clifton and back, to see the lambs on the farm; the second from Dane Hill to North Aston, Somerton and back to Deddington, about seven miles and very enjoyable in spite of the pouring rain over the last mile or two.

We were glad to welcome five new Deddington and six Adderbury guides at our combined meeting. They were enrolled at a special candle-lit ceremony with the support of lots of friends and families and a special visitor - our new Division Commissioner. We learnt a special song, aided by Mr Glyn Davies, to sing during the service in church on Mothering Sunday. There was a super turn-out for this and, as always, colour parties and collectors conducted themselves superbly. The whole company is working for the crime prevention badge and so we have spent some time on 'stranger danger' posters and quizzes in connection with this. During patrol time there has been a very wide variety of activities and the guides themselves have organised swimming trips and helped Mrs Hannah with the posies for Mothering Sunday. One of the highlights undoubtedly was our back-to-front evening. We tried to do things and run the meeting backwards - much harder to do than we thought. Some people really went to town by coming dressed back-to-front - that certainly turned some heads (sorry!).

Forthcoming events - climbing for senior guides, road safety quizzes in Banbury, St George's Day Parade, youth hostelling trip with scouts to Derbyshire, and long awaited Annual Car Wash. Please see Diary for times and dates. THANKS FOR ALL SUPPORT AT JUMBLE SALE - RAISED ABOUT £75.

MAGGIE RAMPLEY Guider 0295 810069

CRICKET CLUB

JOIN US FOR THE 1988 SEASON - If you are fed up with Sunday afternoon gardening, entertaining relatives, or over-indulging in the local at Sunday lunchtime, then join Deddington Cricket Club. With us the taking of the air is an enjoyment, you will mix with friends, and the indulging can be done after tha match when the thirst is at its greatest.

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1. AGE Nine to ninety (a rough guide only - an old looking five year old or a young looking 95 year old would suffice.)
2. SEX See Constitution - rule 26, sub-paragraph 11, Revised Edition.
3. ABILITY Minimum requirement is the ability to hold the ball the right way up.
4. PHYSICAL At least one finger on the right hand in case you are required to umpire.
5. DRINKING CAPACITY Unimportant as long as you recognise the Committee's capacity and help to fulfil it.

This year we have a weekend trip to Somerset early in June, a coach trip to Shropshire in August, visits from London-Essex and Northants teams, plus the Antipodean Wanderers complete with their cans of golden nectar. Join our Captain, John Stiff, a man of positive and inspired decisions. If you crave adventure and excitement, give up the hang gliding and shark wrestling and join Deddington Cricket Club, THE CLUB WHERE HEROES ARE MADE. Just telephone me and I'll arrange your membership.

TERRY CLINCH Secretary 38711

CALLING ALL CLUBS - Part 4

DEDDINGTON TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

	1st team			Reserves		
27 Feb	-			Hornton (A)	W. 3-2	27 Feb
5 Mar	Hook Norton (H) (Tysoe Cup)	L. 0-5		-		
12 Mar	Wroxton (H)	W. 4-2		Barford (A)	L. 0-5	12 Mar
19 Mar	Comrades (A) (Supp. Cup)	L. 1-2		Bishops Itchington (A)	L. 2-3	19 Mar
26 Mar	Shipston (H)	D. 2-2		-		

There are now only a few more matches left this season, and with the First Team having narrowly failed to win promotion to the First Division, the Club's hopes of glory in this, their centenary year, rest on the First Team beating Broughton and North Newington Reserves in the Guardian Cup Final. This match is to be held at the Horton View Sports Ground, Easington, Banbury on Thursday 28 April, kick-off 6.30 pm and, in the hope that it will encourage some local support, the Club has arranged free transport from Deddington. The coach will leave the Market Place at approximately 5.30 pm and will leave Banbury after the match at about 9 pm. Seats will be on a first-come first-served basis and the Club hope very much that there will be a good turn-out from the Village.

220 CLUB - Winners 1988/89

Week No.	Winning No. and Holder	Prize	Week No.	Winning No. and Holder	Prize
50	181 - P Blackburn	£17	1	053 - G Smith	£17
	084 - R Beale	£6		151 - Mrs S Gibbs	£6
51	136 - J Hamston	£17	2	160 - D Freeman	£17
	188 - L Plumbe	£6		037 - J Haynes	£6
52	106 - H French	£100	3	199 - T Doggett	£17
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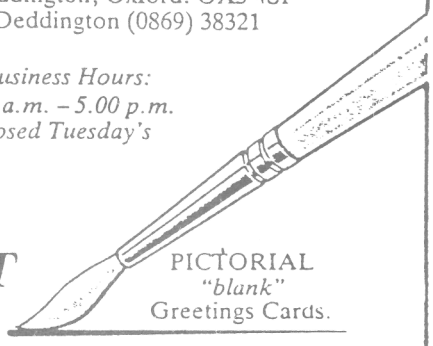

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WORKING A WATER DRIVEN MILL - CLIFTON MILL

by Bernard Bowerman

The first thing was to oil the bearings. The large bearings on the water wheel had to be greased. There were two wheels, one for normal water levels which had about one foot of clearance at the bottom: the flood one had three feet. The next thing was to make sure the top millstone was lifted, which was done by a screw. The mill was started by winding up a sluice board, adjusted according to the depth of the water in the river. After starting the mill, the top grinding stone was lowered according to how fine a meal was required. The corn to grind was taken to the top of the mill, reached by two flights of stairs. The sack of corn was pulled up by a chain, making a noose of the chain and slipping it over the top of the sack. It was then tipped into a chute down to the grinder. The millstones had a hole in the middle. The corn was regulated to a trickle into the middle of the stone, working its way to the outside of the stone and so into a bin. The stones had channels in them, cut to a special pattern. This was done by Mr Walt Course of Deddington, with special chisel-type bills. It was a very skilled job.

It was said an honest miller had three hairs growing in the palm of his hand. I didn't have any. (AN OLD JOKE HAS IT THAT ONLY ANOTHER HONEST MAN COULD SEE THE THREE HAIRS! - Eds.)

Where windmills were used to grind corn we are told that two were built in one field at Napton near Southam, but they had to take one down as there was not enough wind to drive both of them. (TRICKY THINGS, THESE WINDMILLS! - Eds.) There was a tollgate at the mill. Up to the end of the last century the toll (in old money) was ½d a person, 1½d a person on horseback, 2d a waggon or carriage and horses. This I learned from a long-time resident, Mr George Drinkwater. He also told me that the house I live in is where there used to be a stone thatched cottage and Mr Nat Gregory lived there. He drove a steam engine. He blacked his face before he came out to work. One morning he had a bad foot. When asked how it happened, he said a stack of toast fell on it. So he had had a good breakfast. And that's how it used to be .....

MEMORIES OF AN EVACUEE - AGED 7

by Ken Hunt of Dover

Mr Bernard Bowerman is to me a father figure. He and his late wife Hilda were my country parents, who will remain in my memory forever. I was an evacuee from London and they gave me a home and such love as I had never known. The sacrifice they endured to shelter a ragged urchin from the bombing of London, only I and they could relate.

My parents, who are now dead, were so grateful to Mr and Mrs Bowerman for looking after me during those awful years of the war. Many others in Deddington and Clifton took in waifs and strays as we were in those dark days. My elder brother Arthur was billetted with Miss Deely, the sister I believe of another of your writers, Fred Deely. He drove a coal lorry in those days and was instrumental in my seeing my brother more frequently.

The school at Clifton was open when I first came but later on we all had to walk to Deddington school, not such a joy in rain or snow. I know I was a terror and must have given Hilda and Bernard many a headache and worry. Mr Welford once banned me from his fields after I shut Bruce our Black Labrador in a hen house. Luckily the dog was good natured but I expect I put the hens off laying for a while.

I sang in the choir at Clifton Church and we once went on strike for an increase in pay. The village bellringer was ill at one time and we tried our hand at bellringing. It was so bad the poor man got out of his sick bed to come and stop us.

Thank you Bernard and all the people of Deddington and Clifton area for memories so precious.

THE WAY THEY WERE - 150 YEARS AGO

Here are some further extracts from the Deddington diaries of the Rev Cotton Risley for the month of April 1838.

13th April - Good Friday. Some boys endeavoured to fasten the people in the Church this evening by drawing a stick through the handles of the cloth door outside.
15th April - Easter Day. About 65 or 66 communicants, collected £1.17.8½d. A man was about to be brought into the Parish with smallpox by boat from
* Birmingham - the pest house to be prepared.
18th April - Had Franklin down with his apprentice, young Brotherton, and his Mother, and gave him a good reprimand for his conduct at the Church on Good Friday evening, he begged pardon and promised not to misbehave himself again.
19th April - Received a letter from the Secretary of State ordering a return relative to all illegitimate children born here within the last six years - total 18.
20th April - Stillsnow about. Boy committed for trial at the Sessions for egg stealing, his Father came to stand bail for him. Vestry meeting at Kings Arms agreed to sell all the Parish property by auction subject to approval and direction as to the produce of such sale of the Poor Law Commissioners.
Mr D Newton was appointed as Policeman for the Parish at a guinea a week - also to superintend the Mendicity Office, and to live in the house. Mr Smith was here brewing, he came yesterday. Filled up my tax paper and sent it to the new Collectors.
25th April - Was called upon as Trustee of the road from Adderbury to Oxford to interpose in matter of non payment of tolls.
28th April - We spoke to Phoebe (washerwoman) about her situation and found all we had heard relative to her conduct and situation confirmed though she refused to name the individual - dismissed her. A drove of Alderney cows passed through the town.

BUFFY HEYWOOD 38212

*(I believe the pest house was situated in the fields on the left hand side of Deddington Hill going towards Adderbury - could anyone confirm this?)

FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

I would like to thank all my kind neighbours and friends for their wonderful help in arranging the insurance and the builders and doing temporary repairs when gales severely damaged the roof of my house. I am very grateful to you all. Thank you.

BERNARD BOWERMAN Clifton

DEDDINGTON FIRE SERVICE

Firstly I must apologise for missing last month's issue, but owing to personal problems I didn't have time to put pen to paper.
Fire calls Since my last report we have received 32 calls which were - 11 chimney fires, 1 lorry fire, 1 barn fire, 2 road traffic accidents, 1 caravan on fire, 1 gas leak on a bulk liquid petroleum gas tank, 1 call to a fire at the paper wharf at Somerton, 1 call to a multi-seated fire at Smiths Scrap Yard at Bloxham, 1 call to a lockout, 4 false alarms on automatic systems, 2 false alarms with good intent and 6 calls to stand by at other fire stations. These calls bring the total so far this year to 39.
Recruiting One more person has applied to join and that application is being processed. If that applicant is successful we will have 12 persons on Station, but we could still do with some more, particularly anyone who could give 24 hour cover, alternating day and night cover or perhaps just day cover. We still have a maximum of only 5 people who can turn out in the day-time, which is a desperate situation to be in, particularly when holidays and sickness have to be taken into account.
Training In March Nigel Foster and Carol Shirley attended a week's breathing apparatus course at our Brigade Training School at Didcot.

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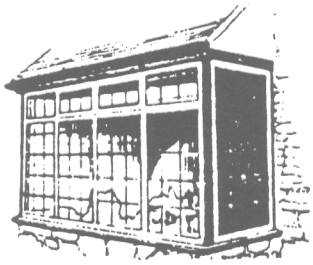

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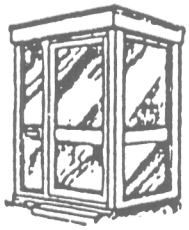

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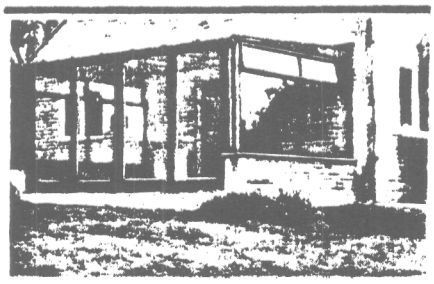

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